

FUNDRAISER IDEAS

We get it, not every church can afford to cover conference registration costs. Here are some fundraiser ideas to help you and your youth group!

- **Mystery Dinner** – Every piece of a dinner is assigned a number. Each table chooses numbers and the order the numbers are pulled is the order of the dishes they receive. Sometimes silverware is also given a number, so they won't be able to eat with silverware at first.
- **Valentine's Day Date & Babysitting** – Split your group into two groups. One group cares for the kids and one for the adults. For the adults: Dinner & Theater, Silent Auction, or Trivia. For the kids: A simple meal and games and activities.
- **Music Concert w/ Appetizers** – If you have youth with musical talents, put together a concert and charge donations for entry. Suggestion: Sunday afternoon or nights.
- **Work Days** – Have congregation and community members sign up with yard or house work that youth can do in one day (I've found a full Saturday works best). Members make donations to the trip fund in exchange for that work. You can have your students fill out a list of chores/work they are interested in/capable of doing and then match them up with the needs that come in.

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- **Soup Fundraiser** – Prepare 3 or 4 large pots of soup. Separate into quart containers and freeze. Have the youth gather on a Saturday morning to bake and bag cookies. After church on a Sunday, the congregation can purchase. We have done this for 2 years, and it has been a great fundraiser. Many have expressed appreciation for having something frozen they can pull out on a busy day for a quick meal.
- **Garage Sale** – Have the congregation donate items and host a garage sale. Leftover items can be donated to a thrift store. This can be especially effective if there is a neighborhood garage sale day and with good Facebook advertising.
- **Metal Recycling** – This one can be really effective in rural communities. Put word out that your group will come collect old metal and take it in for recycling. Farmers and construction businesses can be great places to find a lot of stuff. You will need some big trailers or haulers of some sort.
- **Silent Auction Dinner** – Have youth collect baskets or services that can be auctioned off at a dinner. Do a nice dinner and sell tickets to the dinner and then give time for people to bid.
- **Super Bowl Subs** – Assemble sub sandwiches for super bowl parties and charge per sandwich. Work with a local restaurant and grocery store for supplies.

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- **Selling Goods** – Work with a local company to sell products and earn a percentage.
- **Volleyball Tournament** – Plan a community tournament and ask for a monetary donation as an entry fee. Use a gym at your disposal or ask a local fitness center. Could be done with any other sport as well.
- **144 Envelopes** – Put up a board with envelopes numbered 1-144. (OR 1-100 or however many you want.) Church members take an envelope and return it with the amount on the envelope included inside. If all envelopes are taken this can raise over \$10000! *Note: It is a great idea to have students decorate the envelopes before they are put up and then to include a few details about the trip, ways people can pray, and where to return the envelope on a paper that is inside.*
- **Gaga Ball Tournament** – If your church has a gaga ball pit, or if your youth group wants to build one, then you could ask for donation as an entry fee and sell snacks for observers.
- **Gift Wrapping Party** – Set up at your church space for any congregation or community members to bring their presents and your group wraps it for them.

*Have another fundraising idea? Email
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